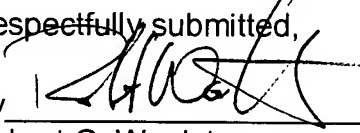


REMARKS

Applicants' undersigned attorney thanks the Examiner for the telephone conference on April 12, 2006 regarding the above-identified restriction requirement. In accordance with the agreement reached with the Examiner, Applicants have elected without traverse to prosecute the claims of Group 1, namely claims 1-17. In the Office Action, the Examiner had requested an election of subcombinations within Group I. Agreement was reached with the Examiner during the telephone conference that such subcombination election was not necessary. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for substantive examination. Should the Examiner determine there are any informalities or other issues that can be resolved in an expedited manner over the telephone, he is invited to call the undersigned to address such issues.

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